

Mid-Atlantic Region Newsletter 2010-11 Season

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Greetings Harpists!

I am honored to serve you as your Regional Director for the next 3 years. Please let me know how I can help you facilitate communication and build relationships within our harp community. I am happy to serve you.

THE MID ATLANTIC REGIONAL HARP FESTIVAL March 4-5th, 2011

Providence Baptist Church, 8980 Brook Rd, McLean, VA 22102

The 2nd Annual festival featuring harpists of the Mid Atlantic Region! Chaired by Melissa Dvorak, Mid Atlantic Regional Director, and Cheryl Roeske, President of the Washington DC Chapter. We invite you to join us for a fun weekend of concerts and workshops. Our featured artist is **Ina Zdorovetchi**, of Boston, top prize winner at the 17th Israel Int'l Harp Competition. Ina will offer a Master class on Saturday and perform our closing concert. Other wonderful performer/presenters are all from the fabulous Mid Atlantic Region will include: **Ivan Gardner, Elizabeth Blakeslee, Beau Soire Ensemble, Constance Whiteside, Hye-Yun Bennett, Jacqueline Pollauf, Saul Davis Zlatkovsky, Iraida Poberezhnaya, Young Artists Harp Ensemble and Harp 46** are confirmed and others will be announced! We'll have a student scholarship competition, open to all harpists who are members of AHS who live in the Mid Atlantic Region, and VA Harp Center will be on hand with Harps, Music and Strings. Visit www.dcharp.org for registration!

THE AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY
9th Summer Institute and 19th National Competition
June 19-23, 2011
The Lyon and Healy Awards
June 18-19, 2011
Denton, TX (Dallas/Ft. Worth Area)
www.music.unt.edu/harp

The University of North Texas welcomes the American Harp Society to enjoy a wonderful week. All events will be geared towards students and will include master classes, workshops, ensemble performances and viewing of historic harps. Performances will feature harpists of the Southwest and Emily Mitchell, guest artist and Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton, the AHS Concert Artist, and Michael Colgrass will be guest clinician. The repertoire and requirements for the National Competition can be found at: http://harpsociety.org/pdfs/competitions/RequiredRepertoire2011.pdf
The repertoire and requirements for the Lyon and Healy Awards can be found at: http://harpsociety.org/CompetitionsAwards/LyonHealyAwards.asp

THE AMERICAN HARP SOCIETY 50th Anniversary Conference

June 30-July 3, 2012 in NEW YORK CITY!!! Mark your calendars now this is going to be a fabulous celebration!

Congratulations

Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton, of Pittsburgh, PA, winner of the Anne Adams award, Heidi is currently studying for her Master's degree at the Juilliard School with Nancy Allen and is the current AHS Concert Artist.

Chapter and Area News/Events

Charm City (Baltimore) Chapter

www.baltimoreharp.org

President: Julia Martin Frazier, pmart 2000@yahoo.com, 410.254.4709

Sunday, October 10, 2010, 3pm: Russian harpist **Natalia Shameyeva** in concert, sponsored by the Baltimore Chapter of the AHS and the Peabody Conservatory. This prize-winning harpist performs a solo recital of Russian composers. Shameyeva is the former principal harpist of the Bolshoi Theatre Orchestra and current Professor at the Gnessins' Academy of Music in Moscow.

November 10, 2010, TBA, Loyola University, Harpist **Julia Martin Frazier**, Flutist David LaVorgna, Violist Jackie Capecci and Cellist Monica LaVorgna perform a free concert of chamber music works including Sonate for Flute, Viola and harp by Debussy

November 20, 2010, 4pm, Roland Park Presbyterian Church, An evening of harp music by **Julia Martin Frazier** and **Jacqueline Pollauf**. \$15 General Admission / \$10 AHS Members, Students, Seniors Proceeds to benefit the Baltimore Chapter of the American Harp Society and the Kay Papa Nou orphanage in Haiti

March 13, 2011, 3pm, Towson United Methodist Church, Fourth Annual Charm City Harp Ensemble Concert: Various Ensemble and Solo works performed by members of the Baltimore Chapter Members.

<u>Pictures on Silence</u>, the harp and saxophone duo of **Jacqueline Pollauf** and Noah Getz, will perform recitals at the Peabody Conservatory, the Catholic University of America, and tour to the New England area to give performances and workshops and they will release their debut album, including works by contemporary composers Kathleen Bader, Charles Halka, Graham Lynch, Christopher Pierce, Andrew Simpson and David Smooke.

Jacqueline Pollauf will perform solo recitals at the Walters Art Museum and the Enoch Pratt Free Library. Chamber music performances include recitals on the Hamilton Chamber Series - flute, harp and viola trio - and a duo recital with mezzo-soprano Megan Ihnen on the Federal Hill Parlor Series. Additionally, she will perform Sylvano Bussotti's *Fragmentations* for two harps (one player) on the Mobtown Modern Series.

After 36 years of teaching at the Peabody Conservatory of Music, Jeanne Chalifoux has retired.

The Peabody harp department has started a harp concert series every third Wednesday of the month at the Basilica.

Shuang Liu, Cameron Huster, and **Jasmine Hogan** traveled to Bloomington, Indiana to attend the USA International Harp Competition. While there, they gave a presentation about new music with department chair **Dr. Ruth Inglefield**, who is the head of the composition competition associated with the harp competition.

November 6-15, 2010, **Cameron Huster** and **Jasmine Hogan** will travel to Szeged, Hungary as competitors in the Second International Harp Competition.

Morgantown Chapter

President: Cindy Lewellen

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The Morgantown Harp Ensemble toured all of Webster County WV schools on September 21 and 22. There were six harpists of different ages and musical backgrounds in the group The ensemble also performs monthly concerts at the Heritage Village Retirement Community.

Cindy Lewellen is completing a Music Practitioner internship at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

Christine Mazza and flutist, Francesca Arnone performed Alwyn "Naiades" on October 25 for a WVU faculty recital. They will be performing Ravel "Introduction and Allegro" and Harty "In Ireland" next semester.

Bell Harp Tech did a wonderful job rebuilding the WVU Lyon Healy Style 17 last February. Our chapter raised most of the repair cost. We also received an artsmon grant for this purpose. This harp can now be used by University and Community harpists.

North Jersey Chapter

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September 12, 2010, 4pm, The Virginia Harp Center will sponsor **Diane Elliott**, the new VHC manager, in a recital at 4 PM, September 12, at Grace Episcopal Church in Haddonfield, NJ.

October 14, 8 PM, **Robbin Gordon-Cartier** will perform as part of the Concert Artists Series at Kean University in a program entitled "En France" featuring the Trio for Flute, Viola, and Harp by Claude Debussy.

October 23, 2010, 8 PM, **Bridget Kibbey**, Harp, and Julietta Curenton, Flute, will perform The Mozart Concerto for flute and harp on October 23, 8 PM, with the Bucks County Symphony.

Saturday, November 13, 2010, 12:30pm, Christian Health Care Center in Wyckoff, NJ, The North Jersey Chapter is introducing a new program, Harp Cares, to our members as a way for us to give back to our communities while providing performance opportunities for our members.,

November 19, 2010, 8 PM, The Irish American Association of Northwest Jersey will present the great wire-strung harper, **Patrick Ball**, in his one-man play, interspersed with lots of amazing music, called THE FINE BEAUTY OF THE ISLAND. Patrick will also give a workshop: \$25 (direct to Patrick, do not mail anything in to IAANJ) from 6:00-7:30. The workshop is also part lecture, on the history of the harp, O'Carolan, and much more. Reservations necessary for the class. For more info, contact Iris Nevins at irisnevins@verizon.net. IAANJ is located at 352 Richard Mine Road, Rockaway Township, NJ.

Philadelphia Chapter

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September 25, 2010, Trinity Episcopal Church, Ambler, PA-The Philadelphia Harp Chapter presented the 2nd annual Harp Day, a mini-conference of workshops and harp ensemble! Workshops with **Janet Whitman** and **Anne Sullivan** and a harp ensemble class led by Janet Whitman.

October 8-11, 2010, Harp Festival of Philadelphia celebrated the 125th birthday of the esteemed harpist-composer Carlos Salzedo and the 250th birthday of Luigi Cherubini. Performers included: **Saul Davis Zlatkovski**, **Erica Goodman**, TrueNorth Harp duo of **Lynne Aspnes** and **John Wickey**, **Harps AFire Virginia Flanagan** and **Alison Simpson**.

Friday, October 29, 2010, 8pm, and Saturday, October 30, 2010, 8pm Andrea and Samantha Wittchen will be performing as harp soloists in a revised and expanded edition of Steven Sametz's Earth Wind Fire: Concerto for Two Harps and Orchestra at Zoellner Arts Center, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA.

November 2010, The Philadelphia Chapter will hold a student recital. TBA

February 27, 2011, The Wittchen Initiative (**Andrea** and **Samantha Wittchen**, harp, Alexandra Wittchen, voice, and Dan Nosheny, tuba/trombone) will perform an eclectic program of pop, country, rock, and Broadway tunes, including several original pieces, at Zoellner Arts Center, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA.

February & April 2011, The Philadelphia Chapter will sponsor "Auditions and Evaluations" Program at the University of Delaware. This is a two-part program where beginning and intermediate students perform for judges on two separate dates to improve their pieces.

Rebecca Lynn Simpson (18) of Doylestown, PA, participated in the Bel Canto Summer Institute for opera singers and harpists. This program in Florence, Italy, focused on the Italian operas and the art of accompanying.

Katie Ely (age 15) of Haddon Heights NJ, **Emily Safko** (age 7) of Medford NJ, and **Christopher Rodriguez** of Marlton NJ, all students of **Kathy DeAngelo**, placed in their respective age divisions in the harp competition at the Mid-Atlantic Fleadh Cheoil in Pearl River NY in May.

Heather Hills, 17, of West Amwell, NJ, was one of the two winners of the Youth Orchestra of Bucks County's concerto competition this spring.

Philadelphia Chapter AHS secretary and Virginia Harp Center manager **Peter Speziale** has relocated to Chicago, IL where he will be entering a master's program at Roosevelt University as a scholarship student of Sarah Bullen.

Harp in the Mountains Summer Festival had another successful week of harp ensemble, performances and fun. The opening concert featured Jan Mianulli, mezzo-soprano, and **Anne Sullivan**, harp, in a program with music ranging from Brahms to Gershwin. The closing concert included premieres of two ensemble arrangements by **Anne Sullivan**.

Anne Sullivan is launching "ARS Musica Conservatory," a website designed to help good harpists become better musicians. Beginning October 20, the podcasts and practice regimens will be available on **arsmusica.us** and on the **ARS Musica facebook page**.

The Young Artists Harp Ensemble, part of Temple University's Music Preparatory division, will present concerts on December 11, 2010 (4:00 p.m.) and April 30, 2011 (time TBD) at Rock Hall on Temple University's main campus in Philadelphia. For more information about concerts or joining the group, visit www.harpensemble.com

Pittsburgh Chapter

http://www.orgsites.com/pa/harpsocietypittsburgh/ President: Gretchen Van Hoesen, 412- 247-3916 lavenderharp@yahoo.com

Stephanie Miller is excited to be offering Vibroacoustic Harp Therapy sessions at Health Alternatives of Sewickley. For more on VAHT visit the website: www.musicforlifepgh.com/vaht.htm

The Pittsburgh Chapter will be a featured performing group for "Hot Pink" at the Byham Theater. Harpists to perform are: **Erica Driscoll, Sierra Pastel, Natalie Severson, Natalie Stafford, Gretchen Van Hoesen,** and **Vanessa Young**. This 10th Anniversary Concert is sponsored by Adagio Health and is a fundraiser for breast cancer in Pittsburgh.

August 6, 2010, Harpists Alexis Balog, Olivia DeSimone, Conor Dugan, Rebecca Mitchell, Laura Owsiany, Rebecca Pfingstl, and Lucy Scandrett performed during the National Conference of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

As the AHS Concert Artist, **Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton** performed a solo harp recital in Dewitt, NY on September 18, 2010. Heidi also presented a master class for local harpists prior to the recital. She will also perform solo recitals in Nashville on October 24, New Orleans on November 5, San Francisco on November 12, Los Angeles on November 14, and New York on May 15.

September 26, 2010, **Hannah Piston** performed a solo harp recital comprised of works by Benzecry, Debussy, Dittersdorf, and Parry at the Sharpsville Historical Society.

October 3, 2010, **Lucy Scandrett** hosted **Alfredo Rolando Ortiz** for a workshop and recital at the North American Martyrs Church in Monroeville.

October 24, 2010, 3pm, **Sierra Pastel** will perform the first movement of the Handel *Concerto in B flat, Op. 6, No. 4* with the Squeebo Chamber Orchestra at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 363 West 11th Ave. in Homestead. Admission is free and open to the public.

October 24, 2010, 4pm, **Dana Schneider** and **Hannah Piston** will be featured artists in the Pittsburgh Youth Symphony chamber concert as part of the Tiffany series at Calvary Methodist Church, Northside.

November 7, 2010, 2pm, Gretchen Van Hoesen will host a masterclass at her home.

November 7, 2010, 7pm, **Gretchen Van Hoesen** will perform a number of solo works for harp for All Saints Vespers, at Mt. Lebanon Lutheran Church in the South Hills.

November 13 and 14, Pittsburgh Chapter will present **Bridget Kibbey** in master class and recital. The master class will be held on Saturday, November 13, from 9am to 4pm. On Sunday, November 14, Bridget will present a solo harp recital at 5:30pm. Both Masterclass and recital will take place in Alumni Concert Hall, Carnegie Mellon University.

November 20, 2010, **Suzanne Hershey** will perform during a wine tasting party at the Fox Chapel Golf Club.

November 28, 2010, 7pm, **Lucy Scandrett** will give a solo recital for the Mars Presbyterian Church at 7pm. The recital will follow the Evensong service and is a fundraiser for the organ fund.

December 4, 2010, 5pm, Studio harp recital by students of **Gretchen Van Hoesen** at Alumni Concert Hall, Carnegie Mellon University. Admission is free, all members of the chapter are welcome to attend.

December 5, 2010, 3pm, **Lucy Scandrett** will perform Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* under the direction of Alfred Diegger with the West Liberty University Choir in the university's Interfaith Chapel.

December 12, 2010, 11am, **Lucy Scandrett** will perform with her husband Jack (French horn) for the East Union Presbyterian Church in Oakmont.. They will perform solos and with organist Dane Skroupa.

January 1, 2011, Suzanne Hershey will perform all day at the Duquesne Club, downtown.

January 23, 2011, 5:30pm, Pittsburgh Chapter Presents a Holiday Potluck Party. Location TBA.

February 12, and March 12, 2011, Pittsburgh Chapter will present the Music Education Auditions at Carnegie Mellon University, Rm A-12, in the College of Fine Arts Building.

March 13, 2011, **Gretchen Van Hoesen** and **Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton** will perform with the Duquesne University Orchestra in the Pittsburgh premiere of Cutler's *Toy Fantasy*, a double harp concerto under the direction of Sidney Harth. 8pm in Oakland's Carnegie Music Hall. Admission is free.

April 17, 2011, The AHS Concert Artist Heidi Van Hoesen Gorton will present a recital. Details TBA.

May 1, 2011, Pittsburgh Chapter Recital and business meeting. This year's recital will feature flute/harp duos.

Richmond Chapter

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October 8-11, 2010. Virginia Harp Center hosted a Fall Retreat Weekend The faculty included **Lynne Aspnes, Mary Jane D'Arville, Virginia Schweninger** and **John Wickey.**

November 5, 2010, VA Harp Center hosted **Anne Yeung** in Master class and lecture on choosing the right college harp program.

December 10-12th, 2010 in Harrisonburg, Virginia The 2nd Harp Extravaganza at Asbury United Methodist Church featuring conductor and clinician, **Robbin Gordon-Cartier** will take place to raise funds for the Harrisonburg and Rockingham Thermal Shelter. Two completely different programs, one Saturday night, and one Sunday afternoon with holiday tunes, folk music, and more will be presented. This event is open to all harpists. Robbin will present a master class and a solo set at the first concert. Contact Jessica Frost Ballas for more details: jessicaafrost@gmail.com

December 15-22, 2010, select members of the **American Youth Harp Ensemble** will travel to perform in the prestigious Advent Music Festival in Vienna, Austria.

The **American Youth Harp Ensemble** has been selected to perform the opening concert of the 2011 American Harp Society's 9th Summer Institute held June 19-23, 2011, in Denton, TX.

Tidewater Chapter

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October 10, 2010, 4pm, **Hye-Yun Bennett** presents a solo harp and piano recital at Green Acres Presbyterian Church, Portsmouth, VA.

October 24, 2010 the Tidewater Chapter will sponsor Educational Evaluations at Old Dominion University, Norfolk. Harp students of all ages are invited to participate.

May 9, 2011, **Hye-Yun Bennett** presents a lecture recital "Comparison of Harp and Piano" performing both piano and harp for the Peninsula Music Teacher's Association.

May 17, 2011, **Hye-Yun Bennett** presents a lecture recital "Comparison of Harp and Piano" performing both piano and harp for the Tidewater Music Teacher's Forum.

Washington, DC Chapter

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Monika Vasey has been appointed Harp Ensemble Director and Harp Coach of the Maryland Classic Youth Orchestra located at Strathmore Music Center.

The Sprezzatura Duo, featuring harpists **Anastasia Pike** and Kate Loughrey, debuted a new program of classical and world music in March 2010 in Southern California.

September 17 and 18, 2010, The DC Chapter presented a weekend with **Rhett Barnwell** sponsored by Virginia Harp Center.

September 18, 2010, 4:30pm, The DC Chapter Presented Harp Ensemble Concert Providence Baptist Church , McLean, VA.

October 9, 2010, **Elizabeth Blakeslee** presented World Premiere of Fantasia for Harp and Concert Band by James Bingham, Tacoma, WA, with the Tacoma Concert Band. This work was commissioned by the 39th National AHS Conference, but was not able to be performed at the conference because there was no band available on the 4th of July weekend.

October 5, 2010, The Washington DC Chapter and the University of Maryland, hosted a master class with Yolanda Kondonassis. Anna Dunlap, Miriam Gentle, Elise Kolle, Sara McGill, Niku Neshati, and Marenka Raolwicz performed.

October 23, 2010, 3pm, Beau Soir Ensemble, **Michelle Lundy**, Harp present a program at Dumbarton House, 2715 Q St. NW, Washington, DC 20007

October 29, 2010, 1:15pm, Harp and Flute recital featuring **Susan Robinson**, harp and Ibis Chamber Music On the Georgetown Friday Music Series

November 17, 2010, 12pm, Beau Soir Ensemble, **Michelle Lundy**, Harp, present a program at Harman Center for the Arts, 610 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004

November 20, 2010, 7pm, The Heatherwood Harp Ensemble and Friends presents a benefit concert for the Children's Inn at NIH.

December 9, 2010, 7:30pm,, Ibis Chamber Music presents a free concert of works for Flute/Viola and Harp, **Susan Robinson**, harp. Resurrection Lutheran Church, 6201 Washington Boulevard, Arlington VA

January 9, 2011, 6pm, .Armonia Nova with **Constance Whiteside** director and historical harp, returns to historic Christ Church for their ninth annual performance of traditional music for Twelfth Night/Epiphany. 118 N. Washington St., Old Town Alexandria, VA.

February 6, 2011, 1pm, **The American Youth Harp Ensemble** under the direction of **Lynelle Ediger-Kordzaia** perform at the Kennedy Center Concert Hall. Order tickets online!

February 2011, TBA, The DC Chapter will present a workshop with Sue Richards.

March 4-5, 2011, The Mid Atlantic Regional Harp Festival. Providence Baptist Church, McLean, VA Please see previous listing!

March 6, 2011, 4pm, Bridget Kibbey presents a solo recital at the Phillips Collection, Washington, DC.

March 9, 2011 at 2pm, Beau Soir Ensemble, **Michelle Lundy**, Harp, present a program Arts/Harmony Hall Regional Center Afternoon Tea, 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744

March 19, 2011, **Melissa Dvorak**, harp and Sonya Hayes, violin will present a program on the Kent County Chamber Music Series.

March 25, 2011, 8pm. Armonia Nova, **Constance Whiteside** director and historical harp, perform 'Myths & Miracles: Magical Thinking and the Medieval Mind'. This concert is in honor of Early Music America's 25th Anniversary. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 118 3rd St. SE, Washington DC.

April, 2011, TBA The DC Chapter will present a student recital and ensemble concert.

April 9, 2011, Barbara Bailey Bradley will coordinate the WAFHS Annual Concert.

May 1, 2011, 3pm, Beau Soir Ensemble, **Michelle Lundy**, Harp present a program at An die Musik LIVE 409 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

May 8, 2011, 7:30pm, Ibis Chamber Music, **Susan Robinson**, harp, presents a free all Ravel program for flute, clarinet, harp and strings Clarendon United Methodist Church 606 N. Irving Street, Arlington VA

For Sale or Rent

For Sale: Pilgrim Clarsach 34 string nonpedal harp available to beginning students. Excellent sound and has a big harp touch. Contact <u>Georganne_D@verizon.net</u> or call 609-882-9336.

For Sale: Lyon and Healy Salzedo harp 11 years old never has been out of the house. Asking \$18,000 and Bill Grant regulates it. By the way, I have had 3 Salzedo harps and this is the BEST one I have ever had!!! Barbara Bew Crowley bbcrowley@verizon.net

For Sale: Salvi Orchestra harp for sale, semi-grand, #2851, mahogany, perfect condition, straight soundboard, new strings, big, even sound. Includes wood trunk. \$9900 or best offer. Email Mindy at mcutcher@juno.com or call 215-887-5106. In Philadelphia area.

For Sale: Aoyama Orpheus 46, straight soundboard, dark brown finish. 19 years old. Excellent condition. New strings and regulation. Includes dust cover, transport cover, and Fishman soundboard pickup. Shipping available. \$9500 or best offer. Richmond area Contact Michael McVoy mamcvoy@verizon.net, 804-828-1739

For Sale: L&H 85GP, \$12,500, with cart and full set of strings; mint condition, great sound, five years old. Contact André Tarantiles at <u>tarantiles@aol.com</u>

For Rent: Salvi Electra, gilded concert harp. Contact <u>Georganne_D@verizon.net</u> or call 609-882-9336. For student or professional use.